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Sullivan County Delegation Meeting  
April 19, 2010  
Frank Smith Living room  
Unity Complex  
Unity, NH

Delegation members in attendance: John Cloutier, Carla Skinder, Tom Howard  
(arrived @ 8:45, left @ 11:00am), Joe  
Osgood, Sue Gottling, Jim McClammer,  
Tom Donovan, Cynthia Sweeney, Raymond  
Gagnon, Steve Cunningham

Others: Greg Chanis, Ross Cunningham, Ted Purdy,  
Sharon King

Meeting Gaveled to order at 8:30am.

Open with Pledge of Allegiance led by Greg Chanis

John Cloutier welcomed Rep. Cunningham to the delegation.

Minutes of October 20, 2009 Motion to accept the minutes by Rep Osgood, second by  
Rep Skinder. Unanimous acceptance.

Discussion on Salaries for elected County Officers.

Opened by Rep. Skinder speaking of economy and job outlook.

Ms King spoke to the need for elected officials to meet their own expenses and inability  
to collect unemployment.

Many felt that this was on the agenda for the meeting and a vote could be taken.

Rep Cloutier thought that it would be considerate for the Executive Finance Committee to  
hear from the elected officials and make the decision based on the out come

Rep Cloutier made a motion to have the elected officials meet with the Executive Finance  
Committee to speak for a raise. There was no second.

Chairman Gagnon called for more discussion.

Rep Gottling questioned if this step would impede in anyway the commissioner finishing  
their work on the budget. Mr. Chanis said that at this time no provision had been made  
for salaries of elected officials.

Rep Skinder made a motion to give either a 1% or 0% increase. Discussion on amount.  
Given the economy and job climate the general opinion was 0% increase.

Rep Skinder made a motion of 0% raise increase; second by Rep Gottling. Unanimous acceptance by the delegation.

#### County Finance Update:

Mr. Chanis:

The county is currently in a budget surplus situation. Discussion on unbudgeted depreciation expense. Discussion on expenses in new budget. Decrease in Medicaid from State and other things that we have no control over. How the stimulus program helped this years budget. Increase in insurance costs.

For county employees.

#### Nursing Home Summary

Mr. Purdy.

Census budgeted vs. actual. How it effects budget. Census almost right on..

ARRA funds used to make up difference from lower Fed payments.

The nursing home, while in a negative balance, is actually a lot better than previous years.

Census numbers significantly up.

Sullivan County is responsible for cost of nursing home care, regardless of where the nursing home is located, for all residents of the County.

Rep Cloutier asked if the State plan to cut Pro-Share money would adversely affect budget. Need to watch.

State share \$152 last spring, now \$141. The state is expected to pull more this year.

Rep. Skinder inquired as to "bad debt". Working on continuously.

#### Corrections:

Supt. Cunningham

Org chart.

Explained the chart and responsibilities of each. This is entire staffing for department.

Grant funding new organization of department. Staffing dependent on grant. Lean on staffing.

Job developer is grant funded for first year. Position to help participants to become employed. After first year will assess its worth.

SB50 an overview of corrections in the state. Interviewed Sullivan County and were excited that we are in the process of implementing what they would like to see. Have joined with Carroll County in a review by UNH to see how in fact these procedures work.

Sullivan County highest recidivism rate

Jane Copeland, Program director

30 years NH Dept of Corrections. Warden all 4 prisons in state.

Closed Laconia state prison. Moved inmates, some to Berlin.

Community Corrections since 1979.

Likes the way we work together, understand that it is all of our problem.

Crimonegenic needs.

.Employment

.Relationship choices

.Housing and community

.Control of addictive behaviors

.Family

.Production in above ground community

Programs for inmates to be successful upon release.

Assessments for what programs they qualify.

Accountability

Work with community and volunteers to help clients achieve.

Clinicians work with offender and West Central as an advocate.

Case Manager liaison for classification.

About making responsible decisions.

Holistic approach.

Adjourn to tour facility.

**Motion** to adjourn meeting made by Rep. Gagnon, Second by Rep Gottling. Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 11:16am.